

AWEL Y MOR OFFSHORE WINDFARM PROJECT

Development Consent Order

Response to Examining Authority

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I. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by Rostons following instructions from Mrs Helen and Richard Proffitt who own and occupy land referred to as Fferm [REDACTED] [REDACTED] within the Development Consent Order Application.

This report is in response to the Awel Y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Development Consent Order Application.

2. RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY

In response to the Examining Authority's first written questions in Section 9.4 Effect on Agriculture Enterprises. It is an accepted principle that large scale excavations including the separation and replacement of topsoil from sub soil, has a significant impact upon the productive capacity and yield potentials of agricultural land following the reinstatement of the lands post works, even in ideal weather conditions.

When conditions are less favourable, particularly during periods of extremely wet weather as we are now prone to suffer. Then the use of heavy plant and construction equipment across agricultural land during the works and during its reinstatement, will cause long-lasting or in the worst case irreparable damage to the soil structure, particularly if the sub soil becomes mixed with the topsoil.

These principles apply to all agricultural land affected by the route. However, in the land at Fferm in particular, this damage could be mitigated by ensuring that the cable is direct drilled along the entire length of this land rather than by open cut trench which would significantly reduce the affected areas.

In response to 19.6 The impact on recreation at the property, the Proffitt family include Helen and Richard, their daughters and 4 grandchildren currently aged between 7 months and 10 years keep and ride the family's 5 horses and 2 ponies at the property, the principal grazing and exercise paddocks are indicated on the attached plan in Appendices 1 & 2 which is directly affected by the cable route.

Furthermore, there is to be a construction compound located off Bodelwyddan Road by the entrance of the property, less than 100m from the paddock used for the families riding lessons, as this paddock is smaller than the others and adjacent to the farm yard, as well as far from the road and disturbance, making it suitable for the children's riding lessons, as well . Disturbances associated with large construction works, such as loud, sudden noises, flashing lights moving vehicles from this site could lead to the horses being spooked and injuring the rider, irrespective of them being a child or adult.

During construction works these horse related activities will not be able to take place particularly with the young children.

This impact could be mitigated by direct drilling the length of the route across the property rather than its intended construction to be via open cut trench.

We would welcome an in-person site visit from the examining committee, they can see first hand the impact that this will have on the family.

3. SUMMARY & CONCLUSION


It is clear that the property at Fferm is severely impacted by the Scheme, and this is further exacerbated by the fact that the family business at Cwybr Fawr is also majorly affected and so that there is no respite from impacts of this Scheme at work or at home. It is feared that this will have a significant toll on the health and wellbeing on the family.

It will be possible to mitigate much of the impacts that this Scheme has on the property by way of directional drilling to install the cable along the length of the route through the property, rather than open cut trench and we hope that this can be explored by the project.

Furthermore, the size and location of the constructions could be reduced or relocated to mitigate the impact on the family.

APPENDIX I – SITE PLANS

APPENDIX 2 – IMPACT ON PROPERTY PLANS



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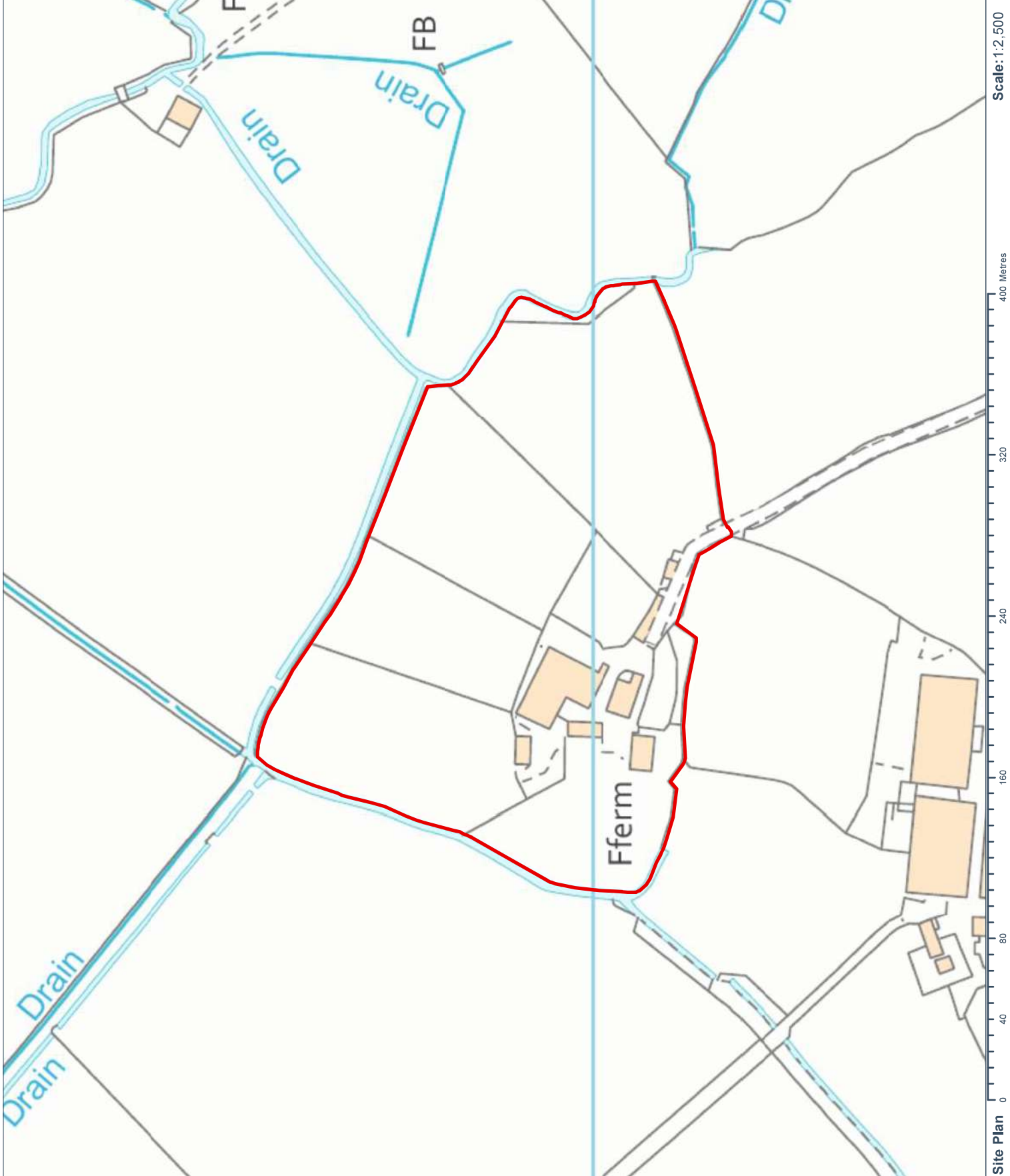
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